

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-06-0034

HLC DATE:

November 27, 2006

PC DATE:

February 27, 2007

APPLICANT: City of Austin

HISTORIC NAME: North Austin Sub-station

WATERSHED: Waller Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 3701 Grooms Street

ZONING FROM: P-NCCD-NP

TO: P-H-NCCD-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan (P-NCCD-NP) combining district to public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan – Historic (P-H-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan (P-NCCD-NP) combining district to public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan – Historic (P-H-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Mather, Leary, and Arend absent).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan (P-NCCD-NP) combining district to public, neighborhood conservation, neighborhood plan – Historic (P-H-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 9-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The North Austin Sub-Station is not listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: March 22, 2007

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: North University Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1933 North Sub-station reflects the tremendous growth in both home and business construction as well as electrical usage in Austin between World War I and World War II. The North Sub-station is one of two remaining electrical substations built during this time of growth (the other is identical in architecture and is located at E. 7th and Chicon Streets).

Architecture:

One-story rectangular-plan brick electrical substation with ornamental brick surrounds at the industrial-style windows; concrete cornice and parapet cap. The North Austin Substation has a solid presence and minimal linear design, reflecting its utilitarian use while promoting an image of modernity and governmental stability.

Historical Associations:

The City of Austin built the North Austin Electrical Substation to provide electricity to the neighborhoods and commercial districts to the north and west. Annual reports of the city's utilities noted that electrical demand in Austin grew almost 7% every year from 1922 to 1957, requiring the construction of additional facilities such as the North Austin Substation to transmit and manage the usage of electricity throughout the city. The North Austin Substation provided electricity for an area extending from 29th and Guadalupe on the southwest to 45th and Avenue F on the north to 38th and Red River on the east, fueling the growth of new home and commercial building construction as well as the consumer economy for electrical appliances.

PARCEL NO.: 0217060401000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Blocks 5-8, Harper's Resubdivision

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: Not applicable – public property.

APPRAISED VALUE: \$0

PRESENT USE: Vacant

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNER

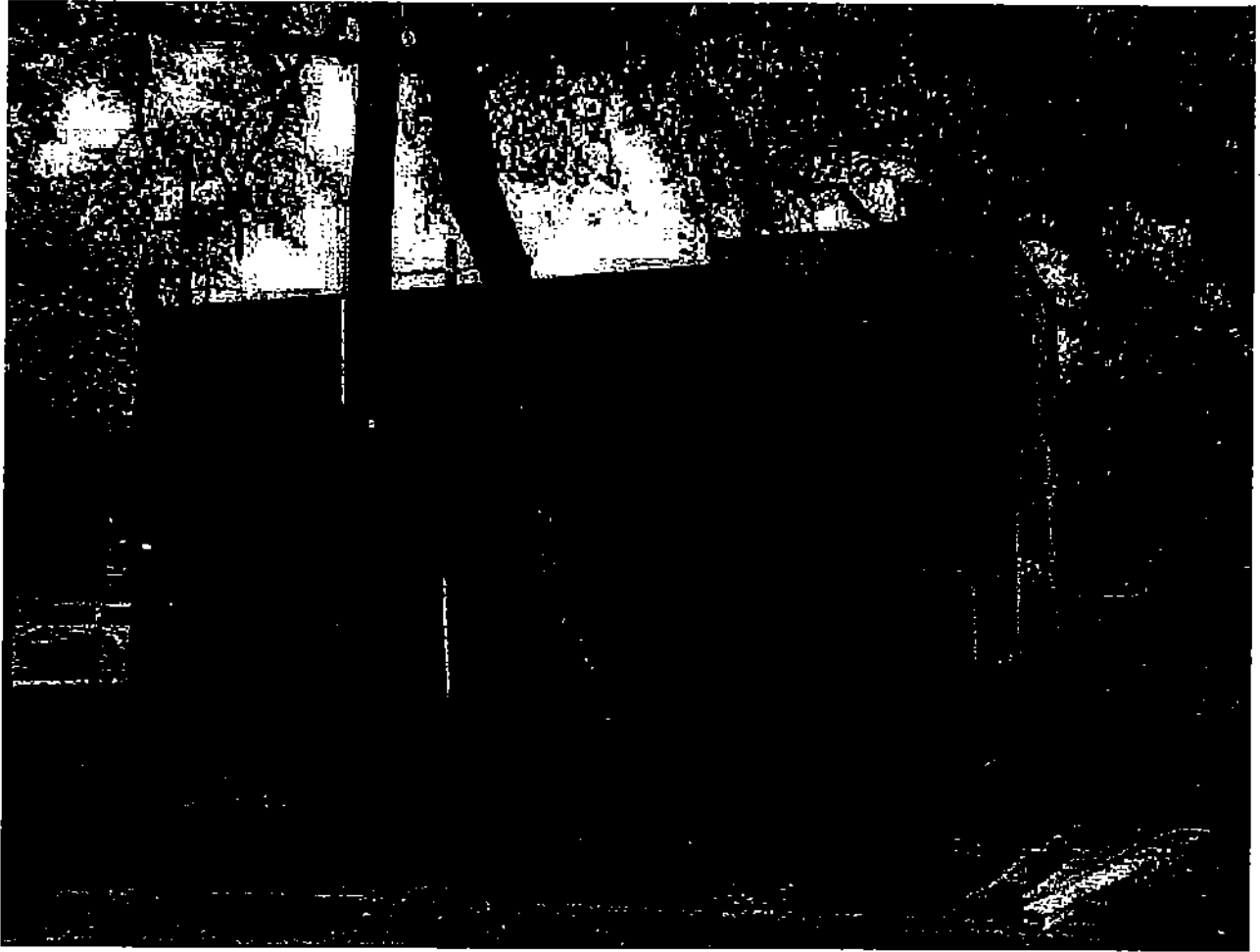
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DATE BUILT: ca. 1933

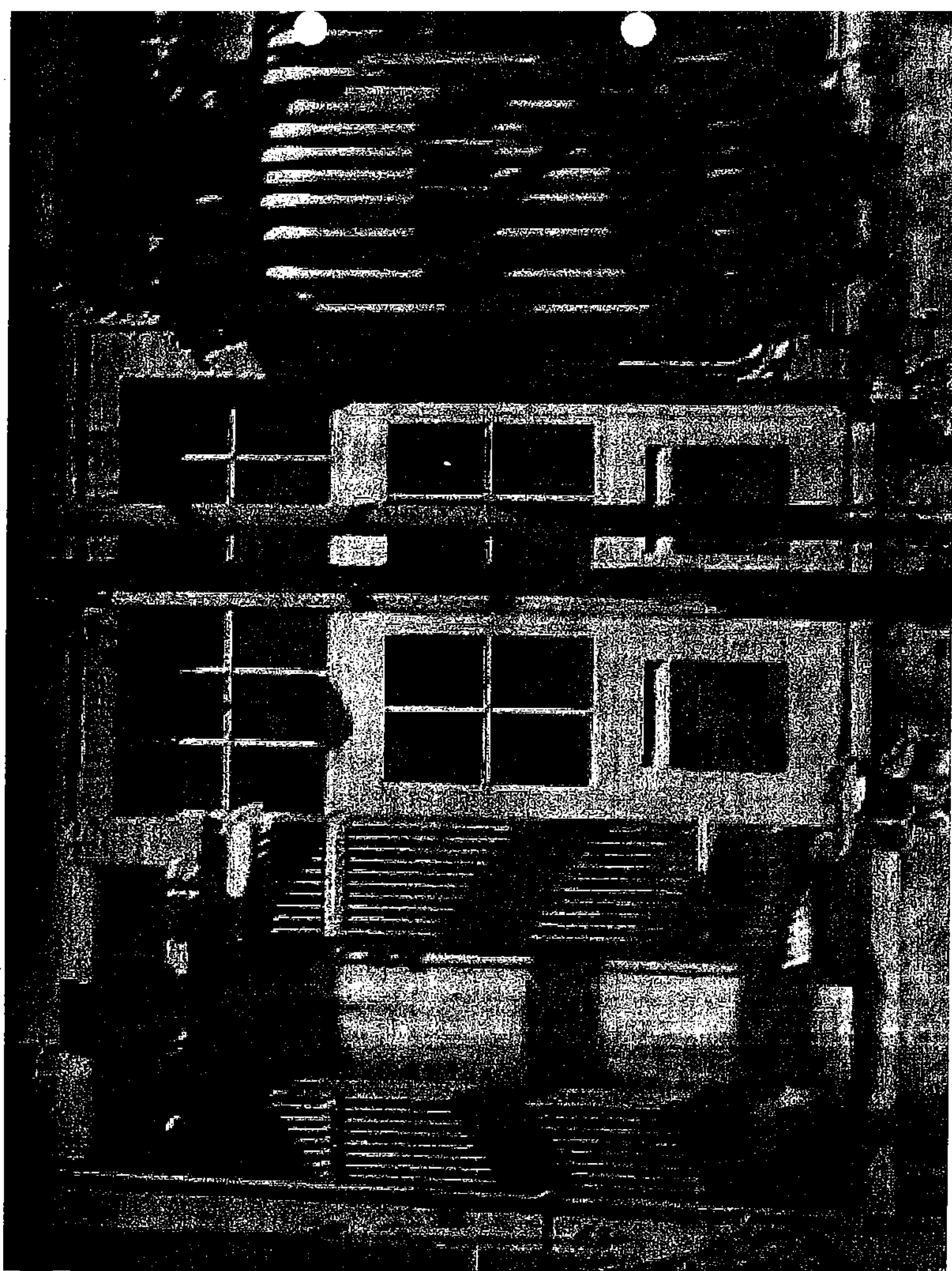
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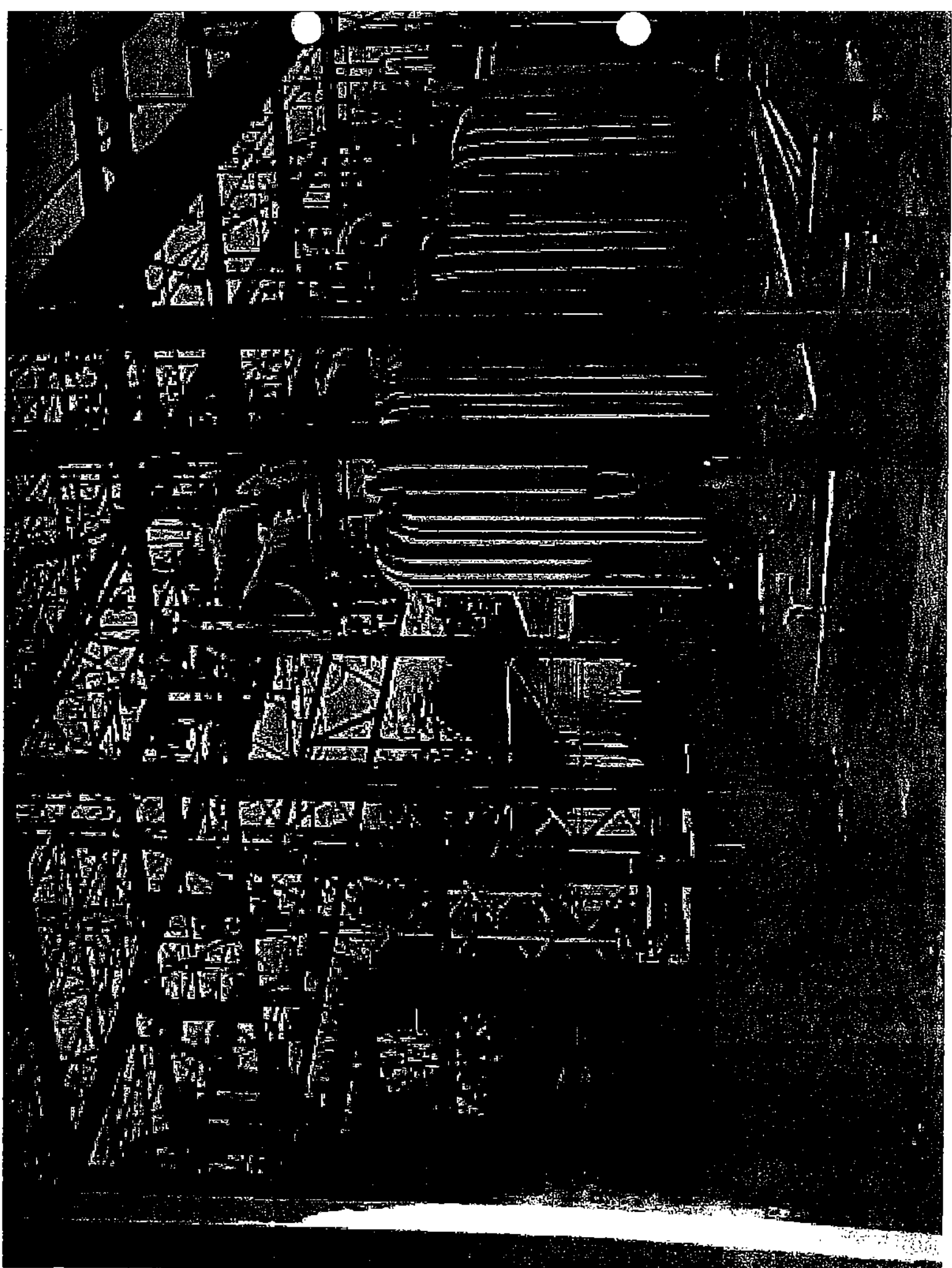
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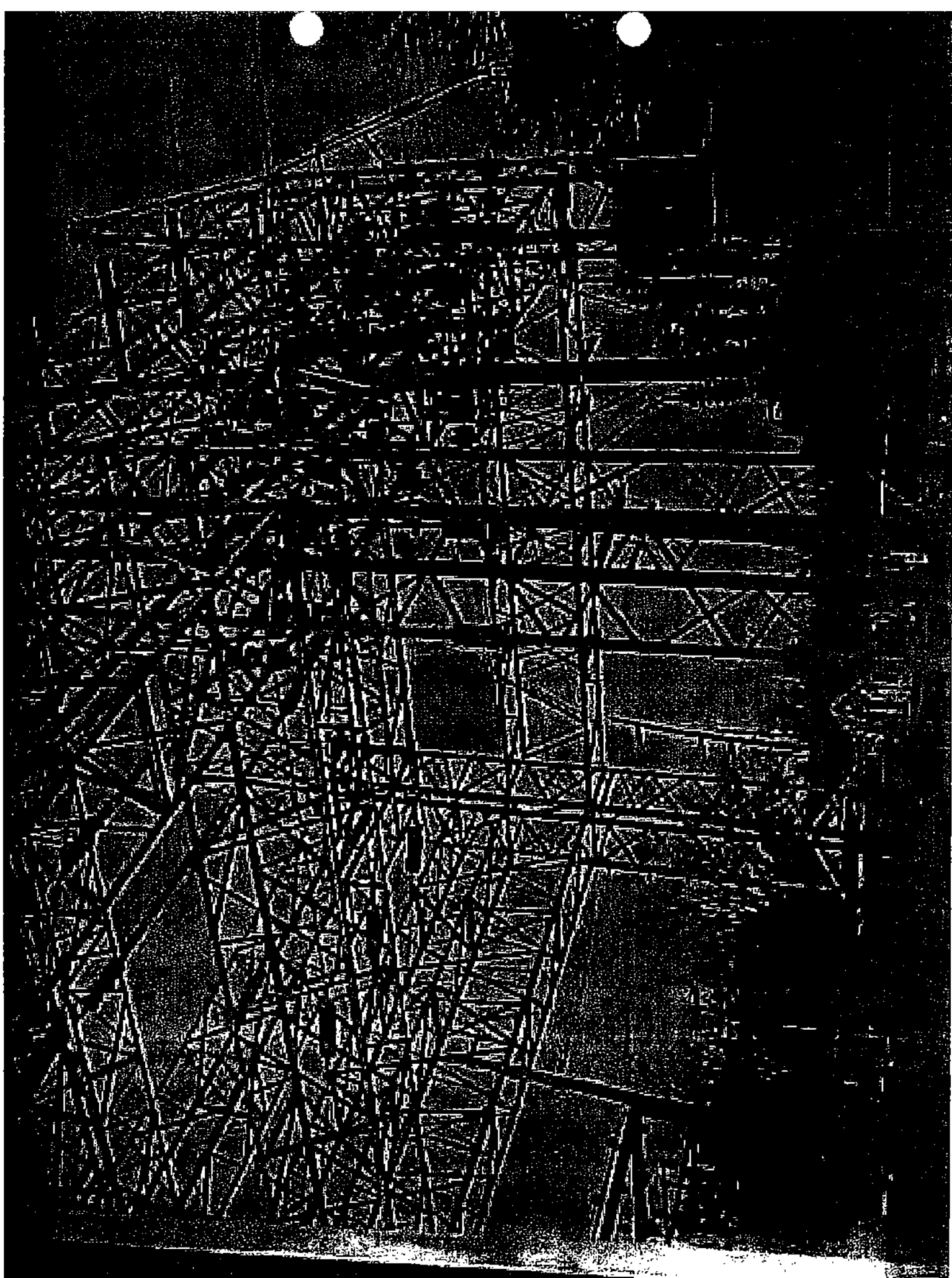
OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None

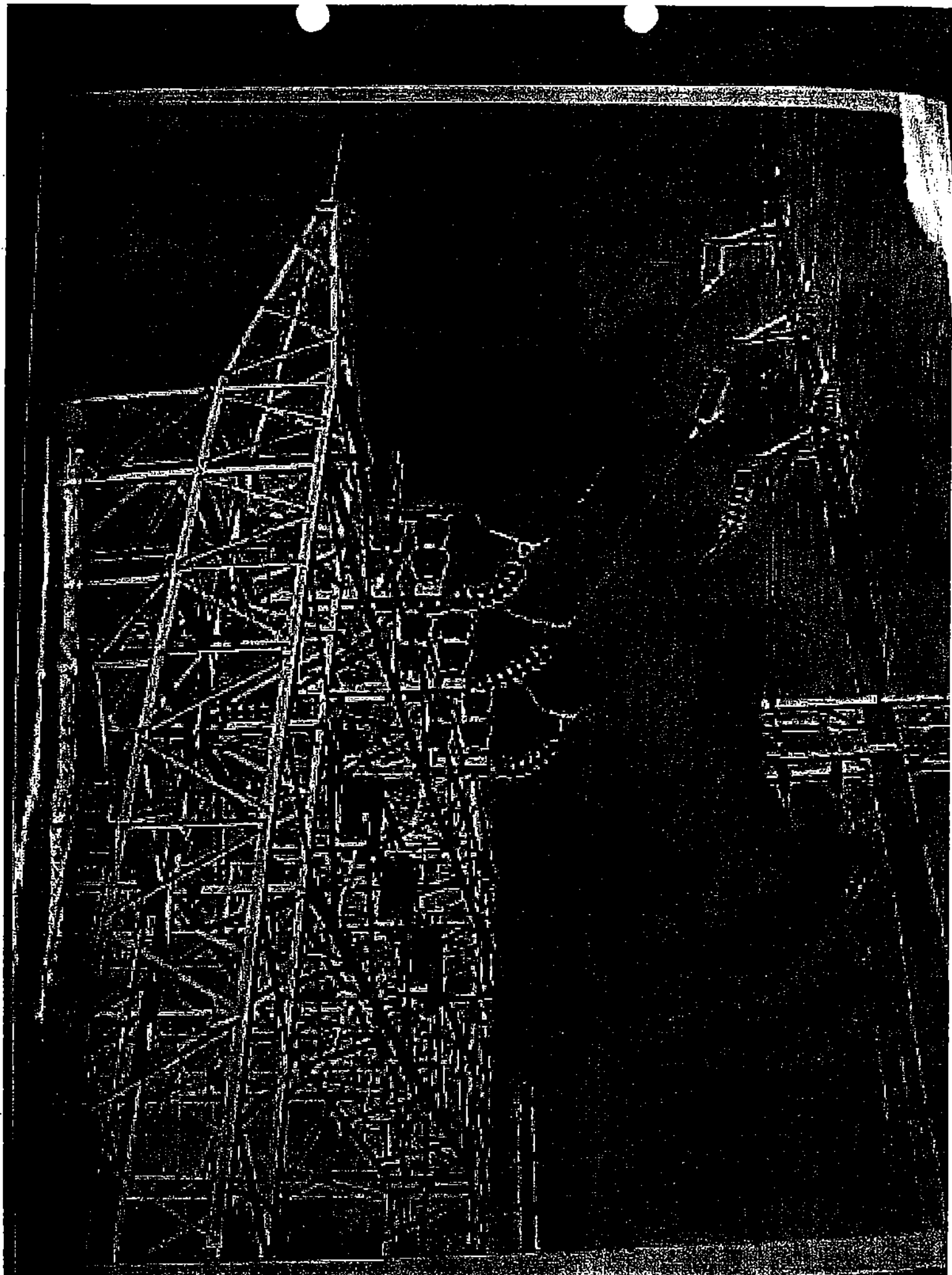


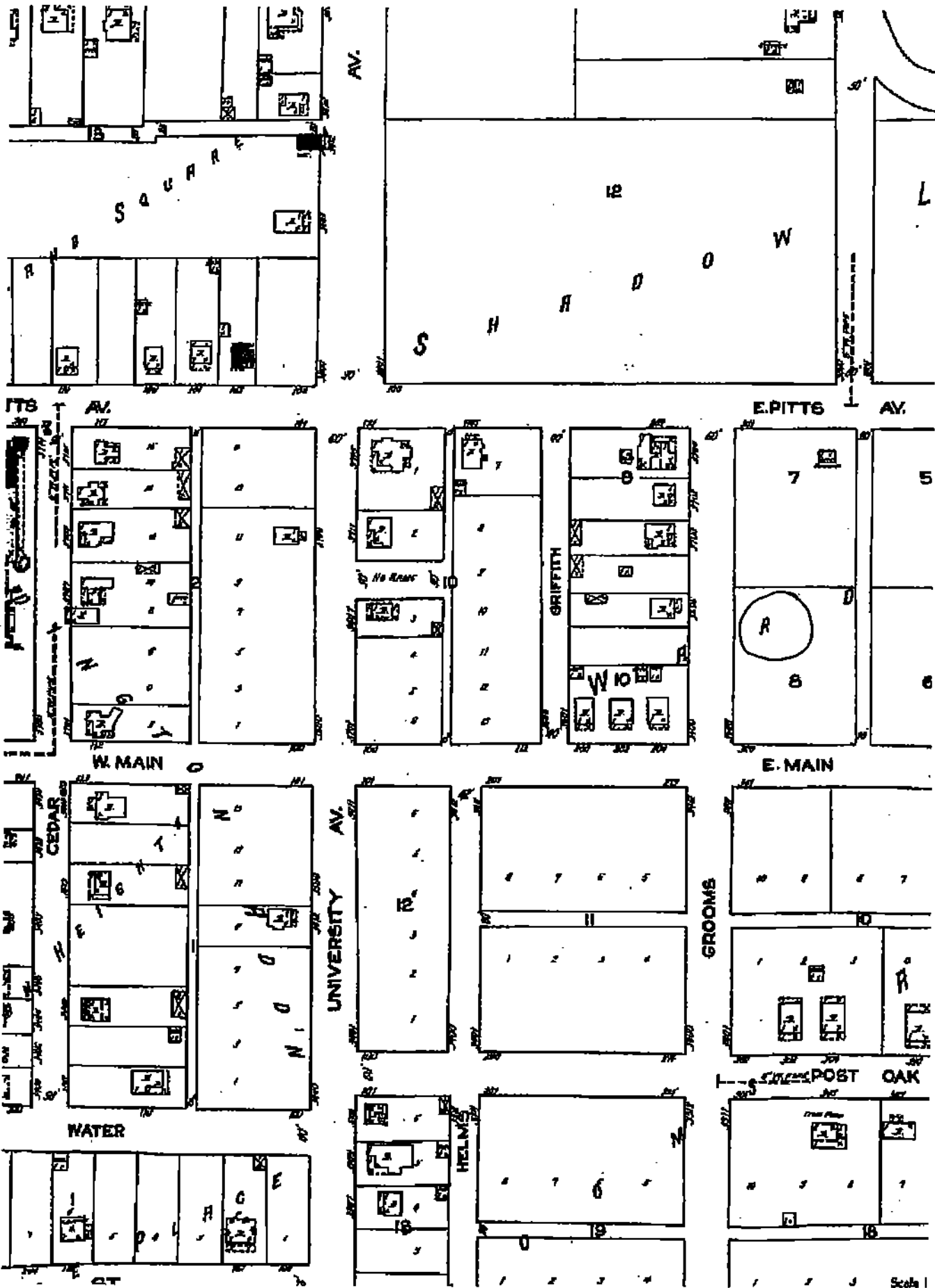
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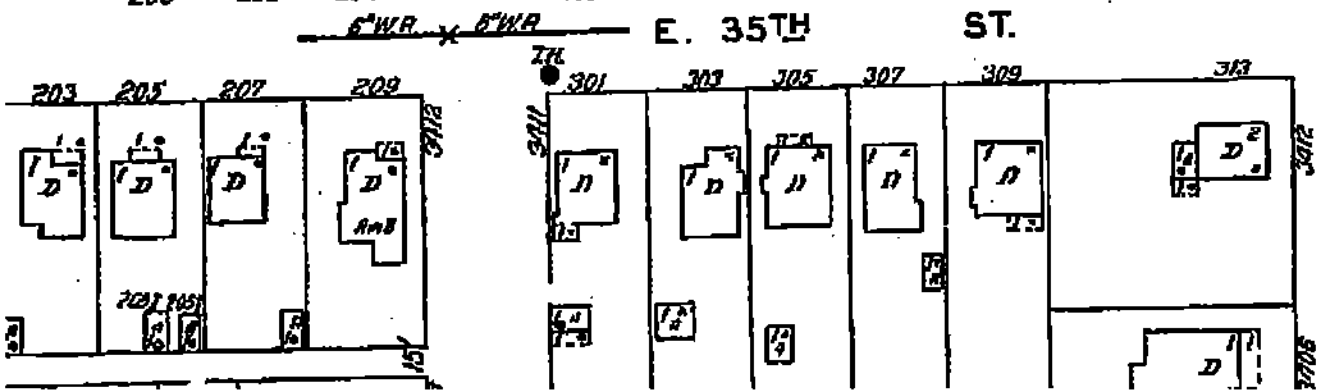
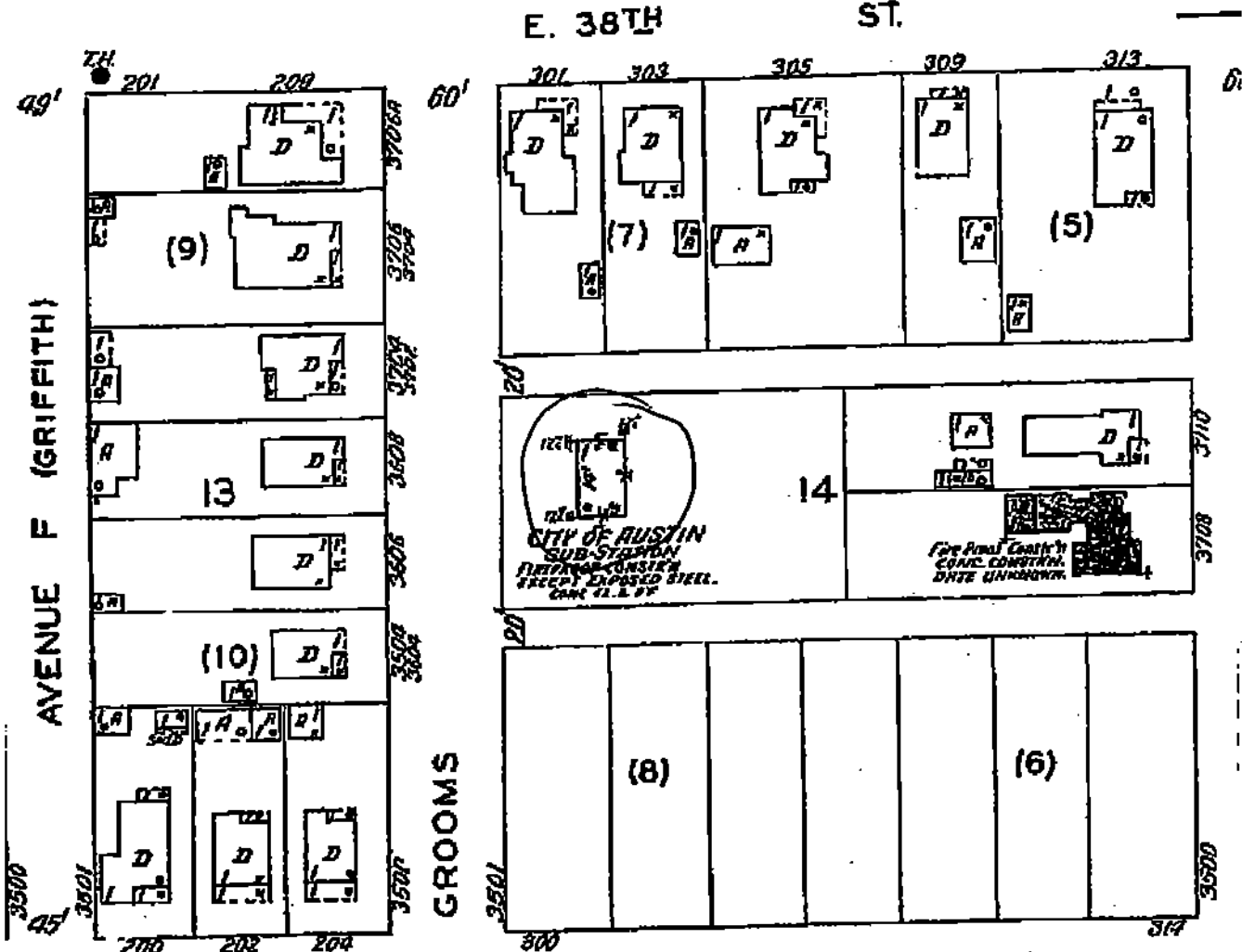
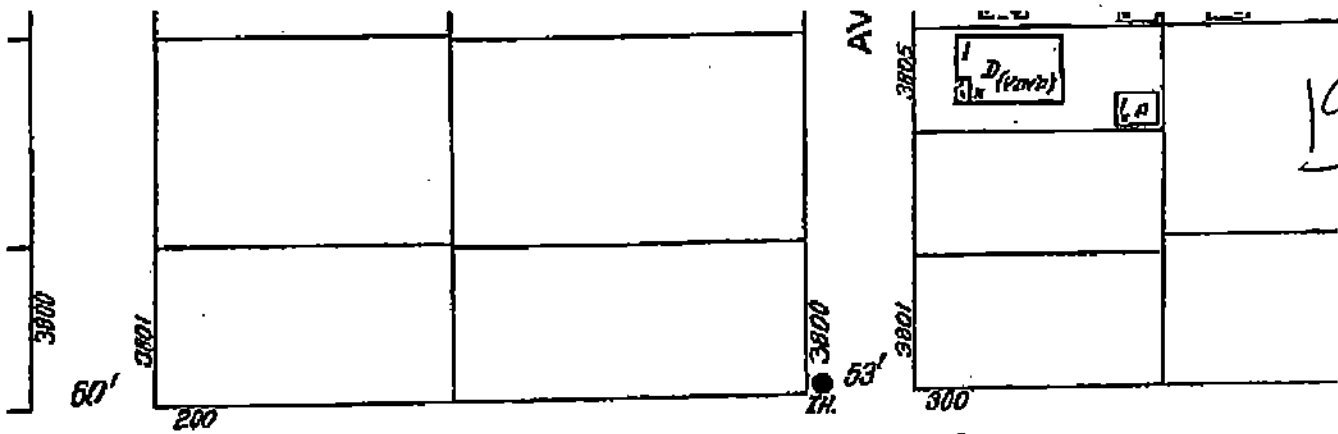








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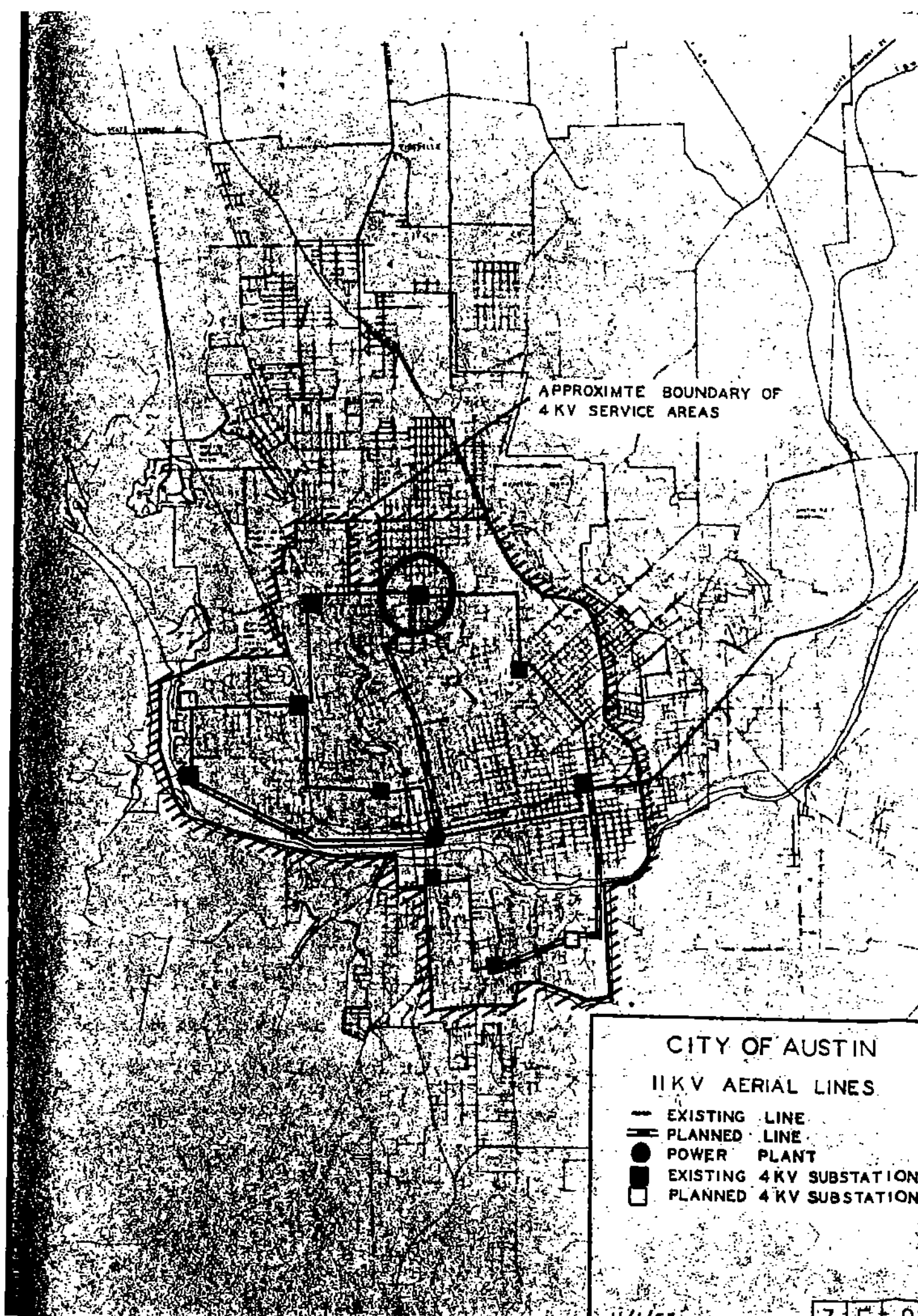
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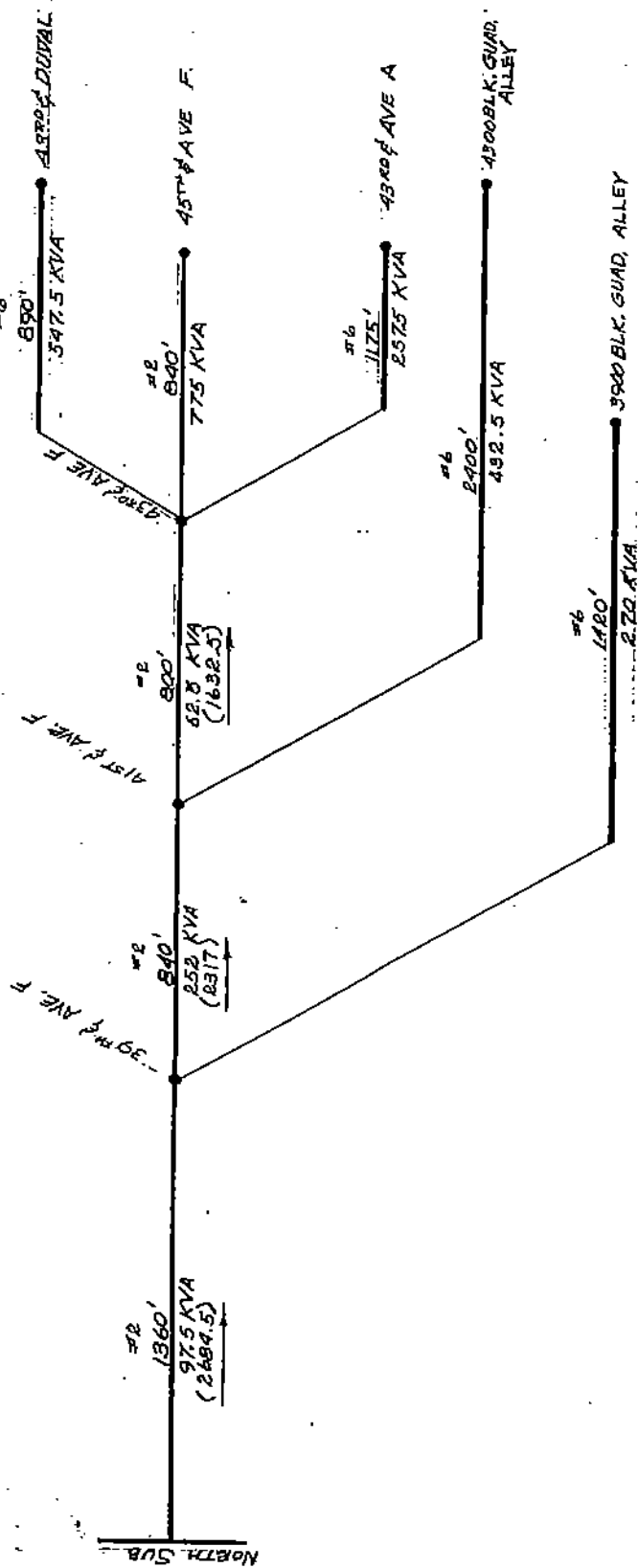
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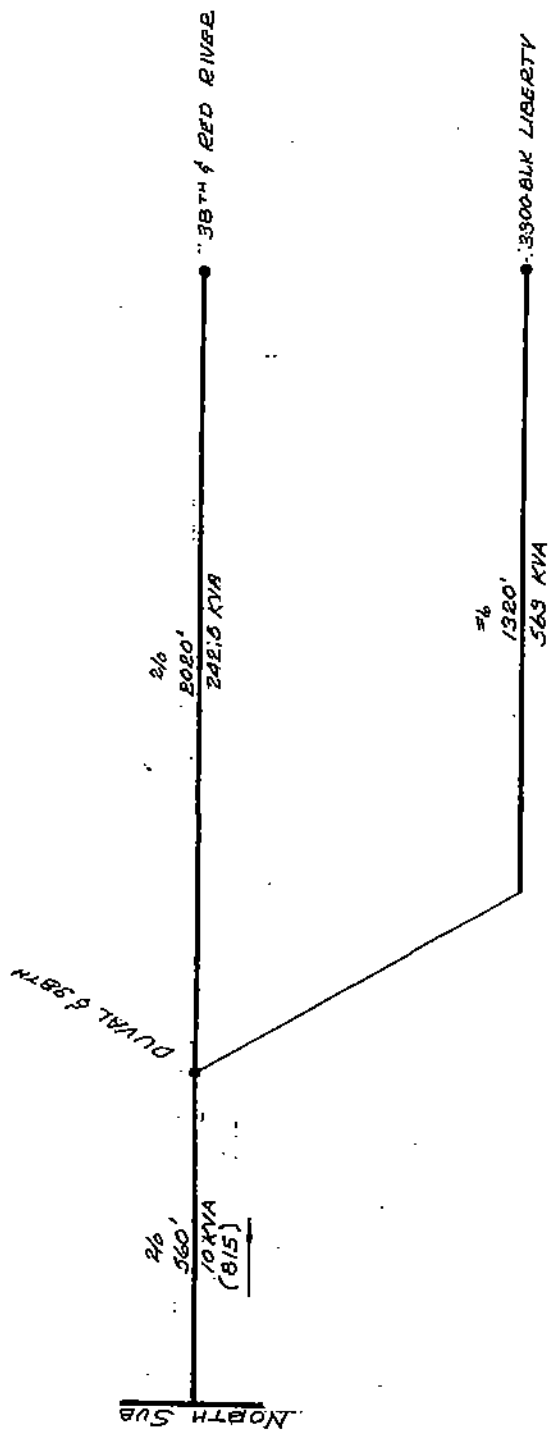
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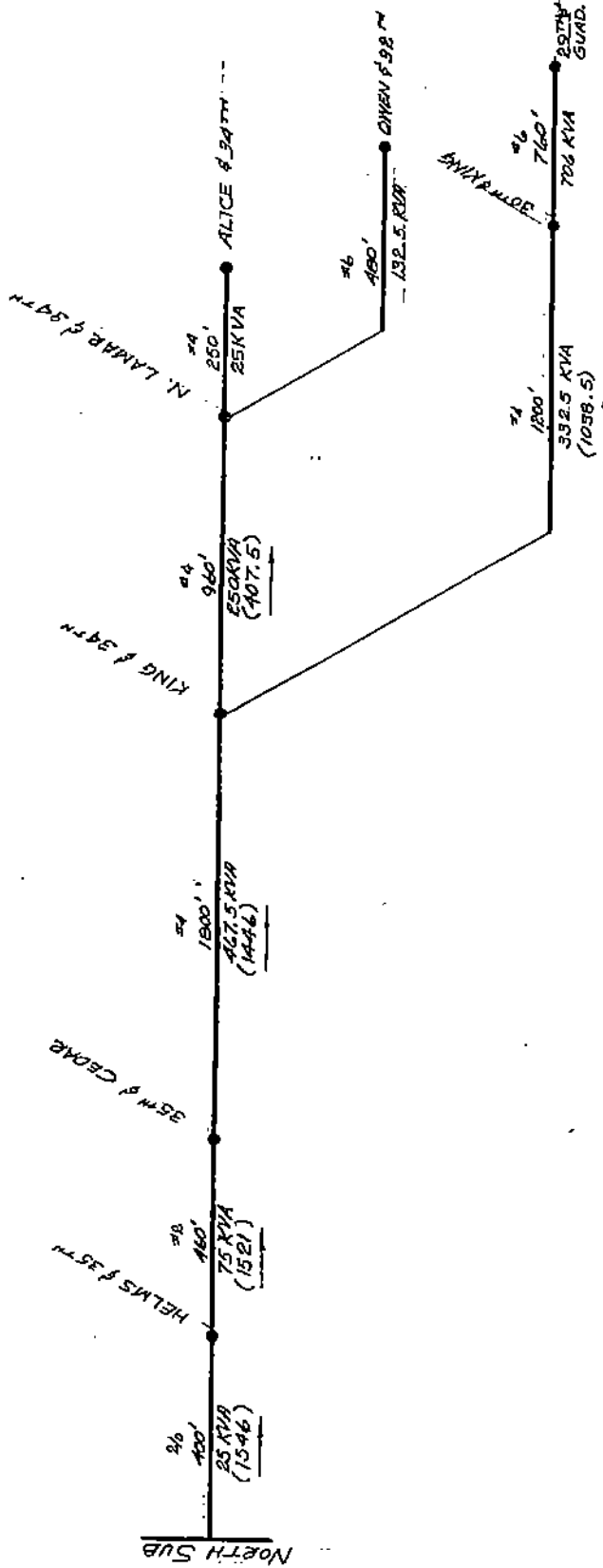
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